

What this country needs is more diverse media ownership, certainly not more consolidated media services. First Amendment rights are not to be used to protect the wealthy in an attempt to dominate public information and entertainment. I urge you to protect the people's right to a free media, uncontrolled by large corporate interests, and offering a true choice of content, carriers, and prices. The cable monopoly, for instance, is a travesty. Since 1996, Radio has lost all national diversity and has, thus, detrimentally affected the quality and range of music available to listeners. The quality of journalism and network television programming has also declined alarmingly as larger corporate owners have imposed a more narrow point of view. All this undermines the spirit of democracy in favor of runaway capitalism. Please do not lift the current restrictions, limited as they are.